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Dear Gene:

This is the first moment I have had in 3 weeks to settle down and attempt some correspondence, and I want to send you a brief note immediately, while I still have my "get-up and go". First off, your most generous check was a huge surprise and we are deeply grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Truthfully, we have not expected any gifts and each one is so surprising and delightful. For two ancient mariners, such as we, wedding gifts come unexpectedly, but are such a pleasure. Thank you and Sunny from our hearts, and I hope eventually we will have the opportunity to see you out here so we can show you our gratitude.

The final days or weeks of packing were so tiring and hectic that I doubted at times I would make it. The wedding was simple but the few there seemed to feel it was a beautiful one. Jesse did an excellent service, and I am sure it was the best solution to the problem of where to have it. As to the packing, the last night there I went to bed at 2:30 and got up again at 4;30, and it took all I had to get ready, even then. The van was finally packed by five, and we came down stairs to leave, only to discover the car had been broken into and some savings bonds of Anna's stolen, as well as personal business mail she was carrying for interviews, etc. It was most unsettling but we managed to accept it and get on the way. Anna had sold her VW and I traded in my Mustang and we got a new Mustang with air conditioning, which has proven to be a God-send, making this the least fatiguing crossing of the country I have ever made.

We are in L.A. until Sunday, resting a bit before the unpacking binge. We go to San Diego on Sunday, and I have just had word that the van will arrive in La Jolla on Mon. Anna has an appointment at 1:00 today here for an interview and had a call from San Diego this morning offering her an excellent job, starting immediately, so we seem to be continuing a pattern of blessings. It doesn't seem possible that I have come so far since 1966-67, with the London experience behind me and new hope and new opportunities ahead. Without your help and encouragement and advice, I could not have made it and I will be eternally in your debt for the concern and love you have given. The last meeting with you, for breakfast, made me all too aware that your twenty-two years of friendship are amongst my most cherished memories.

I hope Judy's wedding goes off perfectly and that all of you have a joyful and happy time of it. Please let us know about it and about yourselves, and when the time comes for your world cruise, allow time for a stop in La Jolla(like Genoa!) and we will celebrate. Thanks again to you and Sunny for your wonderful gift to us.

Love to both,

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